

Appln. No. 09/704,050

Atty Docket No.:48452-048

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

1. On page 13, replace the paragraphs on lines 16-19 with the following replacement paragraphs:

~~FIG 14 shows~~ FIGS 14A and 14B show a flowchart illustrating distributed access control according to an embodiment of the present invention.

~~FIG 15 shows~~ FIGS 15A and 15B show a flowchart illustrating distributed version control according to an embodiment of the present invention.

2. On page 65, replace the paragraph on lines 1-3 with the following replacement paragraph:

~~FIG 14 illustrates~~ FIGS 14A and 14B (referred to hereinbelow collectively as FIG 14) illustrate a process carried out according to this embodiment of the invention. FIG 14 is similar to the process of FIG 10. As such, only the differences between these two embodiments will be discussed in detail below.

3. On page 68, replace the paragraph on lines 9-11 with the following replacement paragraph:

Consider the case where version control is performed at a version control node which does not also perform access control. For example, assume that node h26 is a client node, node h28 is the respective remote file server node and node h31 is the version control node. ~~FIG 15 shows~~ FIGS 15A and 15B (referred to hereinafter collectively as FIG 15) show a process which

Appln. No. 09/704,050

Atty Docket No.:48452-048

is a modification of the process shown in FIG 10. As such, only the differences between the process of FIG 10 and the process of FIG 15 are described in detail.